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Applicant: Robert G. Metzger, et al.
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KNEE PROSTHESIS
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR NON-ENTRY OF AFTER FINAL
AMENDMENT DATED JANUARY 16, 2007 & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed February 20, 2007, Applicants hereby file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants request that the After Final Amendment dated January 16, 2007, submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006, not be entered. Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.